Notes from the August 27, 2024 Board Meeting
Continuation of the August 20, 2024 Meeting

<u>Attendees</u>: attendance was online via Zoom

Mr. Troy Gardner, Board President - **Present**
Ms. Zandra Webb, Board Member - **Present**
Dr. Kayunta Johnson-Winters - **III**
Ms. Sandy Joyce, Secretary - **Present**
Mrs. Sukai Durosimi, EFWMA Superintendent - **Present**
Mrs. Regnolda Tremain, EFWMA Superintendent Assistant - **N/A**
Ms. Aida Aguilar, Director of District Operations & Child Nutrition Program - **Present**

Meeting started at 11:00 am via zoom

- Mr. Gardner started by greeting all board members and EFWMA Officials. He then started by saying that they have some items from the action and consent agenda and that the items were listed in the Google classroom. They need to go through and approve these items. He mentioned that he had looked at many of these items and asked Ms. Webb if she had looked at them as well.

- Mr. Gardner then asked Ms. Webb again if she had a chance to review the items and the action and consent agendas that they needed to vote on.

- Ms. Webb answered that Yes, she did actually have the chance to review the items. Then he asked Ms. Joyce, if she had the opportunity to look at these items and mentioned that if any of them have questions while he goes through the different items, he will pause for questions before they take a vote and asked if this is okay.

- They all agreed.

- Mr. Gardner then asked if the minutes were in the Google Classroom.

- Mrs. Durosimi answered that Yes, they are in the Master board Google Classroom.

- Mr. Gardner then started with the first item which is **Approval of the 23-24 Budget Amendments** and asked if they have any questions regarding the budget amendments.

- Ms. Webb answered that they do not have any questions.
- Mr. Gardner then said that he will vote if he can get all in favor of the 23-24 budget amendments and asked them to get a motion and they all answered Yes. So he said that it is then **Approved**.
- Mr. Gardner then moved to the second item which is the **Approval of the 24-25 School Year Budget** and asked if there are any questions regarding that item.
- They all agreed on the budget and had no questions.
- Mr. Gardner then asked them for a motion to approve the 24-25 School Year Budget and asked if they were all in favor by giving a motion.
- They all agreed.
- Mr. Gardner then **Approved**.
- Mr. Gardner moved to the third item which is **Approval of Student and Parent Handbook** and asked if they have any questions on that.
- Ms. Webb or Mr. Johnson-Winters said that they have no questions and that it is definitely needed.
- Mr. Gardner again asked for a motion to approve the Student and Parent Handbook for the school year.
- They all agreed.
- Mr. Gardner said that this is unanimous and **Approved**.
- Then Mr. Gardner moved to the following item which is to **Approve the Organization Chart.**
- Again they all agreed with a motion.
- Mr. Gardner again said that the motion is unanimous and **Approved**.
- Ms. Webb asked Mrs. Durosimi about how she was doing that morning.

- Mrs. Durosimi answered that she had to do a mandatory rule at the school that day and the officers showed up which was good. She mentioned that she got all of them together and they did a walkthrough. They gave her input about what she needs to add to the emergency and to the safety meeting that will be held on Friday. So instead of waiting for walk down through to be in December, it's probably going to be in September.

- Mrs. Durosimi mentioned that this was really the big stuff for that day and that she has been getting ready for the safety committee meeting on Friday and she will have to send some stuff to the safety center. She also mentioned that they have an audit this year on their emergency plan that she needs to do. Mrs. Durosimi also mentioned that she needs some support.

- Mr. Gardner then moved to the next item which is the **Approval of Erate Funding** and asked if they have questions on the approval of Erate Funding.

- He asked for a motion for approval and they all gave the motion as Yes.

- Mr. Gardner then said that there was unanimous approval and he **Approved**.

- Mr. Gardner then went to the next item which was the **Approval of Agreement between TWU and EFWMA** and asked if this is the Texas Weslyan's University.

- Mrs. Durosimi answered Yes, it is the Texas Weslyan's University.

- Mr. Gardner asked for a motion to approve and they all agreed. So he said that this is unanimous approval and **Approved**.

- Mr. Gardner moved to the next item which is **Approval of Disposal of Out of Adoption and/or Surplus Instructional Materials** and asked if they have any questions.

- They answered No and all agreed.

- Mr. Gardner considered that unanimou approval and **Approved**.

- Mr. Gardner then moved to the next item which was **Approval of the Public Discussion and Media Release of EFWMA's Charter Financial Rating System of Texas** and asked if they have any questions regarding financial ratings that are

being publicly released. He asked them for a motion to approve. They did not have any questions and gave a motion to approve. Mr. Gardner mentioned that he got unanimous approval from the board and **Approved**.

- Mrs. Durosimi then asked Mr. Gardner if they can hold the **Business Consent Items** and asked if the Board can meet in October instead of September because they are so close to having another meeting on September 10th. She then asked the Board if they can meet on October 8th to give her more time to analyze their data for the year map data and all the academics that they have to present. So she wants to hold up the Business Consent Items till October because Mr. Aguilar is putting together his technology plan and will have a solid quote on the roof repair and Mrs. Durosimi would have information for the bank, but asked how they are going to cover a lot of the repairs.

- Mr. Gardner then agreed to **table the discussion** for the approval of the computers, laptops, tablet, software, peripherals.

- One of the board members mentioned that she will be out of the country on October 8th and the meeting could be just with everyone else if they show and that she just wanted to let them know in advance.

- Mr. Gardner then moved to the next item which is **Approval of Roof Repair**.

- Mrs. Durosimi said that they need to hold this as well until October so they can get a quote and that they have one quote which they are considering. They also need to talk to the bank to use their care folks for it.

- Mrs. Durosimi then mentioned that the only other thing that needs to be approved is the district CNP, the **Approval of CNP Overage Funds**.

- Mr. Gardner asked the board members if they have any questions regarding that item and if he can get a motion for approval.

- They did not have any questions and all agreed.

- Mr. Gardner considered that unanimous approval and **Approved**.

- Mr. Gardner then said that one last thing was the superintendent's evaluation and asked if they have to do it with Mrs. Durosimi.

- Mrs. Durosimi answered that they are not on a strict deadline and they can wait. She said that what she found out is that some schools do superintendents evaluation in January and some do it at the end of the school year. So the Board will need to decide when they want to do her evaluation. Mrs. Durosimi then mentioned that the only other thing that she would ask for the Board, which she thinks is fair, is that last time when they went into a closed meeting to give an update about the principal, she thinks it will be fair for Mr. Richmond to also give him a closed session where the board can talk to him, if he can talk to the board without them being there, just so there is a balance of fairness. She said that she spoke with him about that and how he felt about it and he mentioned that he just wanted to get the information together. Mrs. Durosimi then told Mr. Gardner that he gave her some good input and she needs to put some things in place and speak to him about it to get some buy-in. So she thinks that it will be fair if the Board would allow him to have his own closed session so that he is able to actually advocate and say what he needs to say.

- Mr. Gardner mentioned that it sounds good and asked if anyone has any questions regarding that. They all answered No and that it sounds good.

- Mr. Gardner then mentioned that he has one other thing that he would like to consider and that they don't have to vote on it right away. He would like to consider doing some type of survey as a board with the staff and maybe do it twice a year to get kind of an outside perspective. They would have to come up with some survey questions and maybe use a platform, but it would go out to the teachers and the staff and get their take on how they feel about the leadership to know what they are working on.

- Mrs. Durosimi told Mr. Gardner that he can speak through his email, or through Google Forms, which can make it easier for the teachers to respond directly to him and then he can share it with whoever is on the board.

- Mr. Gardner said that it is great. He said that this is the platform they can use and they will have to decide as a board what they are looking for in the survey. That way they can kind of have their perspective and discuss that.

- Ms. Sandy Joyce replied that they can tweak what they are asking and that it sounds good.

- Mr. Gardner agreed that it is perfect and asked if they had any other questions or concerns.

- Mrs. Durosimi said that they will have all other paperwork ready for Mr. Gardner that needs to be signed.

- Mr. Gardner informed her that he will be heading to school around three. He then ended the call and said that it is 11:13 am and he thanked and appreciated everyone for coming to this special call meeting.